

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (2/28/2012)

Present: Robert Barish, Jussi Sillanpaa, Albert Sabbas, Jenghwa Chang, Larry Rothenberg, Doracy Fontenla, Howard Amols, Steve Balter, Laura Happersett, Michael Lovelock, Thomas Petrone, Jakov Pipman, Fan Liu, Eugene Lief, John Humm, Jean St. Germain, Bertrand Biritz

1. Approval of meeting minutes from 1/24/2012

Approved.

2. New Member Applications

One person applied and was accepted for junior membership.

3. Update on the liaison committee with NYC DOH, ORH and other regulators

Dr Petrone gave a detailed summary of the February meeting, see attached.

4. Update on the status of RAPHEX

Howard Amols gave an update on the progress of the 2012 RAPHEX exam. The exam is slightly behind the schedule, but no more so than on previous years and we expect to get it published.

5. RAMPS history committee

Larry Rothenberg discussed the work on a 4 ft * 4 ft poster on the history of RAMPS, to be exhibited at the 2012 AAPM annual meeting. The deadline for the poster was extended; it is anticipated that the poster will be finished in the first week of March.

6. 2012 Young Investigators' Symposium

The date for the 2012 Young Investigators' Symposium will be 3/27/2012. There will be nine presentations and the format will be eight minutes for each presentation and two minutes for questions. Another 3-4 judges are needed for the symposium, please contact Albert Sabbas if you're willing to act as a judge. The judges should also prepare questions for the presenters.

7. 2012 Spring Symposium

The 2012 spring symposium will take place on Friday 4/27/2012. The topic will be "State of the Art in SBRT" and the anatomical sites covered will include lung, liver, spine and prostate. The list of speakers is being finalized.

A number of corporations (Elekta, CIVCO, Varian, IBA, Velocity, Accuray/Tomotherapy, Philips, Vision RT, Nucletron) have expressed interest in sponsoring the symposium. The vendors will be allowed to exhibit literature at the symposium.

8. Election of Officers for 2013

The positions that will be vacant next year are president elect, board member at large, secretary and treasurer. The board will appoint a nominating committee later in the spring. The secretary indicated that he will also likely have to resign his position, due to moving out of state, by the end of the year. In this case the board will nominate a new secretary for the remainder of the year.

9. Post-meeting dinners

It was remarked that the post-meeting dinners don't attract many young members. A suggestion was made that instead of having a dinner after every meeting, we should perhaps have only 4-6 dinners a year.